

Brewster Kahle

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first real test of seeker ram

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Subject: first real test of seeker ram

I assume the first release of seeker ram is being packaged, so we should make a fresh directory.

When talking with Willem and tracy these are the things that need to be done:

- \* remove stop words during search (brewster will look into this)
- \* remove the 20k limit or something. (tracy)
- \* make sure the scores are not normalized to 1000 (tracy)
- \* Break up the dictionary so it can be written out to files and then merged at the end. This is not immediate and I dont know who will do it.  
(dont know)

-brewster

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Return-Path: <barbara>
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Subject: here's a first pass
Cc: barbara
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Barbara Lincoln: barbara@think.com, 415-329-9300 X236, or 1010 El  
Camino, Suite 310, Menlo Park, CA, 94025.

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questions:

is the official name seeker-RAM?

should i say the source for front end code is free of charge?

How about support for this? should that be included in the announcement?

i think it needs a little more "meat" in the intro to juice it up - any  
ideas?

1st seeker list

18' CM-lights > do this at least  
Wais-discussion  
distributed  
in car & drive ~~down~~  
~~for example~~  
if charge  $\rightarrow$  send tape, not  
FTR  
Jenny  $\rightarrow$  on file  
X put  
on tape

legal K - if signed  
seeker, then send.

non commercial use  
give away  
no sign

100

contacts in paper

Baylor - Ottawa  
NCIA  
LANL - who?  
Gordon - ask for  
contacts

Paul, peo, putnam, race, ray, rodrigue, rst,  
simons,  
smith, shaw, saint, simons, singer, spaz,  
sullivan, swartz, thp, traveler,  
uri-here, waltz, wati, wave, wilkens, woppard, xiru  
parsym-local-ext: parsym-local, alanr, choong,  
owner-parsym-local: postmaster

# non-tmc employees should be added in lists labeled "-ext" only  
# forum on risks to the public in computer systems.  
risks-ext: risks@csl.sri.com

risks-local: bradley, brij, carlf, dan, dm,  
douglas, fad, frye, garland, gld, goldy, heller,  
jjs, ken, massar-away, paul,  
rpalmer, rst, shapiro, simons, singer,  
harrist, traveler, wati  
risks-local-ext: risks-local

# non-tmc employees should be added in lists labeled "-ext" only  
# forum for discussion of software optimization techniques for general routing.  
# specifically unstructured grid and sparse matrix applications  
# use the internal list when appropriate  
# <dbs> 18may89

Owner-router-opt: denny  
router-opt-int: arw, dan, denny, heller, jacek,  
john, peo, singer

router-opt: /tm/archives/router-opt, :include:/u9/dbs/router/mailng.list  
router-opt-ext: router-opt

# non-tmc employees should be added in lists labeled "-ext" only

Return-Path: <gordon@Think.COM>  
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To: brewster@Think.COM  
Cc: barbara@quake.think.com, barbara@quake.think.com  
In-Reply-To: Brewster Kahle's message of Fri, 17 Apr 92 09:27:38 PDT  
<9204171627.AA12402@quake.think.com>  
Subject: Seeker-RAM release

Date: Fri, 17 Apr 92 09:27:38 PDT  
From: Brewster Kahle <brewster@Think.COM>

From: gordon linoff <gordon@Think.COM>  
Date: Thu, 16 Apr 92 11:54:14 EDT

Date: Tue, 14 Apr 92 16:13:20  
From: barbara@quake.think.com (Barbara Lincoln)

Hi. Talked with Brewster this afternoon about the Seeker RAM release. He asked that I ask you for contact names to send this too, that you had worked alot with these people.

I would like to announce tomorrow (Wednesday), so if you have a list of names you could send me, that would be great. If it will take a while to get the list together, pls let me know.

So far, Brewster wants to send it to CM-lights, wais-discussion, Baylor, NCSA...

thanks!  
-barbara

Brewster, did you consider Columbia, Bibliotheque de France, Croft at UMass Amherst?

--gordon

croft is a good one. do you have an email address for barbara?

Sorry this took so long to track down:

Croft@cs.umass.edu

--gordon

Return-Path: <ottavia@Think.COM>  
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Date: Fri, 6 Mar 92 23:30:00 EST  
To: barbara@Think.COM  
Cc: brewster@Think.COM  
Subject: Seeker-ram

Hi Barbara,

I need to be the main follow up person for Baylor College,  
so please let me know how you are planning to organize the distribution so  
that I can handle it for Baylor in coordination with you,

Ottavia

Return-Path: <brewster>  
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Cc: bishop@alexia.lis.uiuc.edu, gbnewby@alexia.lis.uiuc.edu  
In-Reply-To: Gregory B. Newby's message of Sun, 5 Apr 92 15:05:29 -0500  
<9204052005-AA23856@alexia.lis.uiuc.edu>  
Subject: WAIS on the CM

Date: Sun, 5 Apr 92 15:05:29 -0500  
From: Gregory B. Newby <gbnewby@alexia.lis.uiuc.edu>

Hi, Brewster. First, thanks for the \$ for my study with Ann Bishop. I don't know if she mentioned, but you're definitely welcome to whatever written report we generate as a TMC tech report or to include with future versions of WAIS, if you're interested.  
your welcome.

The question of today is, is the WAIS software for the CM something that you don't share? We just finally got timesharing installed on our CM-2, and anticipate plenty of free cycles when the CM-5 gets here this month. I'm very interested in making large bibliographic databases available via WAIS, and have the support of NCSA (who runs the CMs here) to do so.

Great! we would love to run the CM WAIS software there. In fact, we now have a new release that runs on timesharing. Barbara Lincoln is running the distribution of this, so I am sending this to her as well.

Barbara, could you start up the procedures for getting a copy to them?

Thanks...let me know what you think. Speak to you soon.  
-- Greg Newby, U. of Illinois  
gbnewby@alexia.lis.uiuc.edu or gnewby@ncsa.uiuc.edu

-brewster

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In-Reply-To: Barbara Lincoln's message of Wed, 01 Apr 92 14:02:02  
<9204012200.AA06448@quake.think.com>  
Subject: Seeker-RAM Release

My only complaint is the name. "Seeker-RAM" sounds pretty awful to me. How about "CMDRS II"? I know the acronym isn't sexy, but it at least describes the system (CM Doc. Retrieval System).

Date: Wed, 01 Apr 92 14:02:02  
From: barbara@quake.think.com (Barbara Lincoln)

Here's the first pass draft of the Seeker-RAM announcement....

We would like your inputs as to who might be interested in getting this release. Our first shot will probably be to those who received CMDRS.

Do you have any suggestions as to distribution, support, etc...?

We look forward to hearing from you....Let's hear it!

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Picky details:

Doesn't CM-2 have a hyphen? The announcement should probably include a trademark notice for our trademarks, and perhaps the other products. "Macintosh" not "Mac", and "UNIX", not "Unix".

"terrific" is a bit informal... maybe "exciting new"?

I think you have to run this by Tim Browne; he reviews everything going out about our products. He might have good ideas.

Congratulations!!

--Franklin